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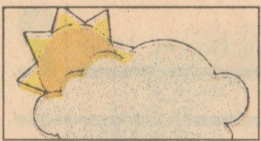
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# MONUMENTAL issue

**HOOPS WIN** — The Thundering Herd men's basketball team defeated Radford Saturday. See coverage on Page 6.



page edited and designed by Butch Barker

# A new legacy

Newly-selected President Angel hopes to keep Marshall a success

by **MARISSA HAGY**  
reporter

Marshall University will begin the new millennium with a new president.

Dr. Daniel D. Angel was selected by the University System of West Virginia Board of Trustees to preside over Marshall University beginning Jan. 1, 2000.

The announcement followed the Board of Trustees Dec. 3 meeting in Huntington. Angel was selected from a field of three candidates submitted to the board by the presidential search and screening committee.

Cathy M. Armstrong, chairwoman of the Board of Trustees, said the board members were pleased to have Angel fill the presidential post. "We are absolutely pleased with this selection," Armstrong said. "We are confident as a board that Dan Angel is the right man for the job at this time."

Marshall interim President A. Michael Perry said Angel was a good choice for the university.

"I think we had three well qualified candidates," Perry said. "They made a good choice."

Dr. Angel has strong creden-

tials in academics, as well as in external concerns that will qualify him to lead this university to a very exciting future."

Perry said he was relieved that the search process was over.

"I'm relieved and looking forward to being even more relieved on Jan. 1," Perry said.

Angel served as president of Stephen F. Austin State University since 1992. Previously, he served as president of Austin Community College in Texas and Citrus College and Imperial Valley College, both in California.

Angel, a Michigan native, is a former three-term Michigan state representative. He has written three books, serves on the Board of Directors of the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas and has been the recipient of an "Exemplary Leadership Award" from the American Council on Education.

Angel is married to the former Patricia Ann Schuster of Dearborn, Mich. The Angels have two children, Scott and Shelby.

At the press conference Friday, Angel said he called his wife earlier in the day with the news of his appointment as

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Dr. Dan Angel was introduced as Marshall's new president during Friday's Mid-American Conference Championship game at Marshall Stadium. Angel, left, is pictured with interim President A. Michael Perry and Gov. Cecil Underwood.

## Marshall vs. Stephen F. Austin

A look at how Angel's two universities compare

	MU	SFA
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TUITION	\$2,400 - \$6,512	\$2,578 - \$9,058
ROOM/BOARD	\$5,296	\$4,118
STUDENT/FACULTY RATIO	18:1	19:1
ATHLETICS	NCAA-IA	NCAA-IAA
ADMISSION STANDARDS (ACT)	19	21 (or top 50 percent in class)

Butch Barker and Amy Shultz/The Parthenon

"I called my wife and said, 'I'm not sure how to say this but I think it goes something like this ... We are ... Marshall.'"

**Dr. Daniel D. Angel,**  
Marshall president



Doug Chapman rushed for 75 yards and two touchdowns to help Marshall rally for a 34-30 win over Western Michigan in the Mid-American Conference Championship game. His two-yard touchdown run gave Marshall its first lead after trailing 23-0.

# Undefeated and appreciated

Fans watch their Thundering Herd become 3-year MAC champions

by **AARON E. RUNYON**  
reporter

For some, it was expected. For others, it was a surprise. But for all, it was the perfect ending.

Fans came from throughout the nation to see the Thundering Herd football team's 34-30 win over Western Michigan in Friday's Mid-American Conference Championship game.

"It was the best game I've ever seen," said Huntington resident and Marshall alumna Rachel Trout, as she smiled through green face paint and shook a broom at the sky. "Now it's time to sweep up what's left of Western Michigan."

Debra Linzmaied, drove from New Haven, Conn., to attend the game.

"I got off work, took out the trash and left for Huntington," the Marshall alumna said. "I would have driven in from



Crowd members rush the field Friday after the Thundering Herd defeated the Broncos to capture the Mid-American Conference Championship.

California to see that win. It was the best game I've seen yet."

Thundering Herd fan Butch Leftwich agreed.

"I came all the way from Tennessee to see the game and I wasn't disappointed," Leftwich said. "I have to admit that I got a little nervous when we were still trailing in the second half. But the win made the trip worth every mile."

Fans stormed the playing field, pulling the south end zone goal post to the ground, after a Western Michigan hail

mary attempt ended in a Marshall interception. One fan riding atop the goal post was injured in the celebration.

"He decided to take a ride on the goal post in the celebration," said David Gesner, director of Marshall University Emergency Medical Services (MUEMS). "Unfortunately he didn't let go and rode it straight into the turf."

The fan was transported by MUEMS for a possible serious hip or femur injury.

Some fans said the game

proved to be the most defining moment in Marshall history.

"I've been a Marshall fan forever," said Jim Vicors of Huntington. "I was around when we were crushed in the MAC."

"This is beyond my wildest dreams."

Huntington resident Richard Burton said the comeback was another instance where the better athletes prevailed.

"It was just like the Clemson game," Burton said. "The cream

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## Angel to take office Jan. 1

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president of Marshall.

"I called my wife and said, 'I'm not sure how to say this but I think it goes something like this... We are... Marshall,'" Angel said.

Angel said he is impressed with Marshall's technology and curriculum and is looking forward to beginning the new millennium at an institution like Marshall.

"You are on the cutting edge here at Marshall University and I wouldn't want to begin the new millennium at any other place," Angel said.

Angel will be paid a salary of \$190,000 a year, about \$48,000 per year more than former president J. Wade Gilley.

After a brief acceptance speech, Angel answered questions from the media concerning his vision for Marshall.

Although he said he needed time to fully understand the university, Angel outlined some of his goals carried out at his current post.

"My first goal is to meet everybody and to really understand where Marshall is," Angel said. "I think any president coming in should have to

make some adaptations to the university and the university to you."

Angel said his "marquee" at Stephen F. Austin State University was a "rededication to student success." His plan for student success relied on student recruitment, retention and the graduation rate. He said he would like to carry that focus on student success with him to Marshall.

"Students are what we are all about," Angel said.

Angel said he has initially outlined four goals. He said he wants to continue Marshall's excellence, gain more national prominence, stay on the cutting edge and to build a "passion" for student success.

Angel also said there should be two primary goals at Marshall.

"We need to be valuable for the state of West Virginia and we need to do what is good for Marshall University," Angel said.

Angel said he is excited about his future at Marshall and in West Virginia.

"I've been waiting for this a long time," Angel said. "I told a friend in the office back home, 'You know how much I love S.F.A. and you know how much I love Texas. The difference is I'm in love with Marshall University and West Virginia.'"

## Rain dance



photo by Jacob Messer

Marshall dance team member Sarah Gillian and other band members braved the rain during Friday's football game to entertain the crowd during halftime.

## Fans rave over Marshall

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comes to the top and the best team comes out with a win."

But the Thundering Herd's come-from-behind victory may have been too intense for some fans.

"I was almost ready to go home early in the game," said Huntington resident Richard Jenkins. "We messed up in the beginning, but the end of the game was awesome."

Other fans could not watch as the Thundering Herd trailed 20-0 at the end of the first half.

"I had to leave midway through the second quarter," said David Akers, Marshall alumnus from Red Jacket. "I never thought anybody could come into our house and shove us around."

Once Akers returned for the second half he would not leave his seat again.

"That was the most phenom-

enal Marshall comeback I can remember," he said. "This is truly as good as it gets."

Fifteen-year-old Huntington resident Drew Tardy also was absent during much of the first half.

"I had to leave the stadium in the first half," Tardy said. "I hadn't seen them have so much trouble this year and I was afraid we couldn't come back."

"That win proves BYU doesn't have a chance."

Some fans said the Thundering Herd may have lost concentration because of the Motor City Bowl anticipation.

"The team was looking too far ahead today," said Matt Spurlock of Huntington. "Now is the time when we should be concentrating on that game."

"My friend is coming all the way from Kosovo to see the game during his military leave."

Akers said he also planned to attend.

"I've spent my last two seasons at the Motor City Bowl," Akers said. "I might as well go to Detroit for another."

## That's the ticket

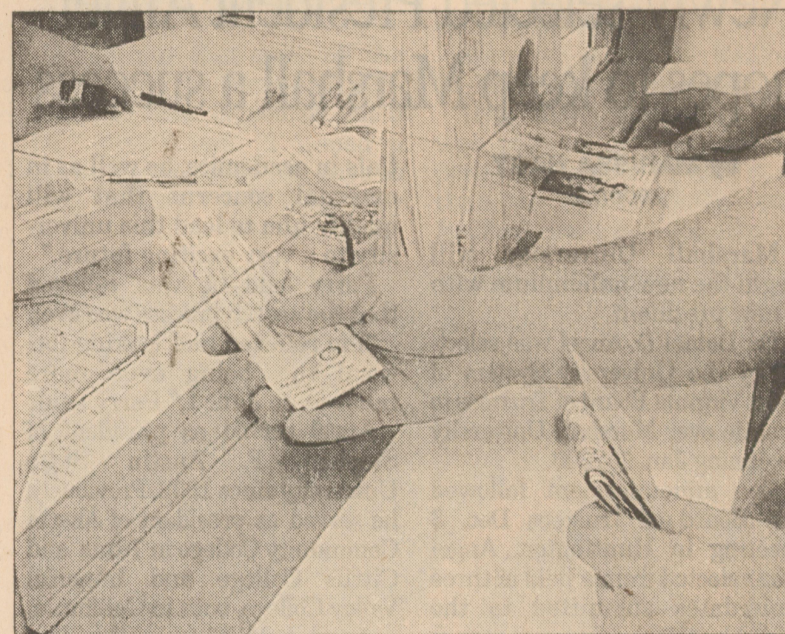


photo by Amy Shultz

Hundreds of Marshall fans lined up Sunday to purchase tickets to the Dec. 27 Motor City Bowl.

## Big Green Scholarship Foundation helps athletes get through school

by CINDY H. LIBERATORE  
reporter

The Big Green Scholarship Foundation's primary purpose is to provide financial support for students involved in the Marshall athletic program.

But there are more than 400 student athletes, so where does all this money come from?

Athletics are not funded by the state. Money for scholarships must come from donations.

Thus, the Big Green steps in. An estimated \$7,300 is used for

*"I think we have aggressively marketed the Big Green and we try to get our message out on the street."*

Dan O'Dowd,  
Big Green executive director

instate athletes and more than \$11,000 is spent for out-of-state athletes. Donations mostly come from individuals and businesses.

The Big Green provides an opportunity for alumni, fans and the community to get involved. Members, depending on size of donation, can attend events,

receive seating priorities, the newsletter and parking passes, Dan O'Dowd, executive director of Big Green, said.

"I think we have aggressively marketed the Big Green and we try to get our message out on the street. We want people to know what we're

about," he said.

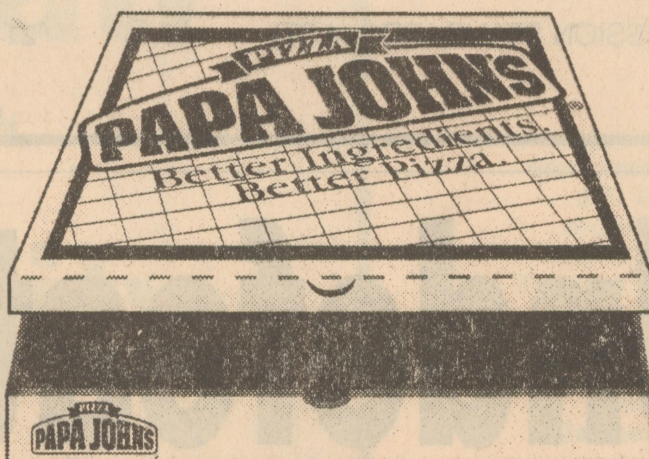
O'Dowd credits the MAC for Marshall's increase in recognition.

"Home football games are tremendous because we have a full stadium, everyone is dressed in green and the students are having a great time," he said.

The Big Green Scholarship Foundation strives to generate funds and supporters for a successful athletic program.

Marshall's national television exposure and winning season contributes to the success of the university, he said.

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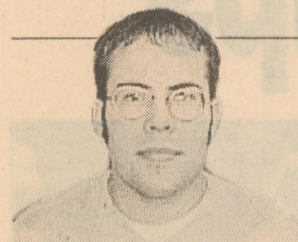
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## HIS VIEW



**JACOB  
MESSER**  
editor

## Readers make this job seem worthwhile

This is it — my final column as editor of The Parthenon.

In his front-page design today, managing editor Butch Barker has deemed this special issue as "monumental."

Indeed. And the same can be said of this semester.

After a semester-long search process, a new university president was selected.

MTV invaded Marshall, while popular rock bands Garbage and Lit rocked Huntington.

Twenty-nine years after a horrible plane crash decimated the entire program, the Thundering Herd football team posted a 12-0 mark in the regular season and is headed to its third straight Motor City Bowl as the 11th best team in the country, according to the two major polls in college football.

World-renowned athletes and artists like Jackie Joyner Kersee, Nikki Giovanni and Chuck D visited campus.

In celebration of Gay History Month, the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Outreach Office organized and presented the first draw show on campus in school history.

A fraternity was reinstated on campus, and seven student government senators were kicked out of office.

And debates raged on campus about the university's emergency medical services and a proposed points card system.

The Parthenon was there for all those stories and more. Yep, it was an action-packed semester.

Although it prohibited me from getting the proper rest and maintaining a healthy diet, being editor of the student newspaper during such a historical semester has been rewarding for one reason — actually, for a few thousand reasons.

You. The readers.

You are the reason I would get to campus by 9 a.m. each day and then leave at about 2 a.m. each night. You are the reason I missed a lot of classes and a lot of due dates. You are the reason my grade point average may decrease after this semester and my pant size definitely increased during it.

So why do I make all those sacrifices for you? Because of what you are doing right now — reading The Parthenon.

Although I was always in a grumpy mood after dragging myself out of bed every morning, or at least the mornings I was successful, my frown quickly turned upside down when I saw members of the Marshall community reading our publication.

Knowing that my hard work — and that of my staff — is not all for naught is the reason we were able to produce 46 issues, including three special editions, for you this semester.

Thanks for making it possible.

## HER VIEW

## Fraternity needs public relations lesson



**LILLIAN  
WILLIS**  
guest  
columnist

One of the first things I learned as a public relations major was what to do in a "crisis situation."

First, admit the problem or that your company was wrong. Second, state what you intend to do to remedy the situation. Third, assure the public the problem wouldn't happen again.

If I were to work for a chemical company that had a leak, I wouldn't try to pretend the leak didn't happen, and that the hazardous material that may have leaked out wouldn't harm anyone. I would admit the leak happened, tell about the clean-up process and give reasons why it shouldn't happen again.

I think you get the picture.

Recently, the Kappa Alpha Order was involved in a situation where they were accused of yelling a chant that obtained racially offensive lyrics.

As a member of the Greek community, I can't even begin to tell you how much I hate to hear something like this. We have enough stereotypes thrown at us

as it is. Of course, we are already rich, preppy, black-pant wearing (at least the girls) alcoholics who play no significant role in campus or community life.

"Racist" is just another to add to the list, right? Wrong.

But I digress. Back to how it was handled.

Earlier in the year, there had been a news story about the KAs and a philanthropic fund-raiser they participated in. The Parthenon editor Jacob Messer gave the KAs a "thumbs-up" for this on the opinion page.

The KAs were happy.

Last week, there was a news story about the chanting incident. Jacob wrote an editorial about that as well.

The KAs were mad.

We publish the good in The Parthenon. We also publish the bad in The Parthenon. It is the way of journalism.

A member of the fraternity has been into The Parthenon office on more than one occasion to protest the publishing of the latter news story and editorial. He claimed libel or something. Maybe it was just that The Parthenon was mean. I don't know.

My suggestion to him (and them) is this: If you feel The Parthenon is a means of communication that reaches enough people for you to be upset that the article was published, use it

to your advantage as well.

My sorority was accused of a slightly similar incident last fall. The first thing we knew we had to do was to write a letter to the editor.

What types of things did we include in said letter? We admitted we were wrong. We apologized ("a remedy to the situation"). We assured that it wouldn't happen again. Believe me, we've learned a lesson.

Kappa Alphas: I understand you've slipped up, you've made a mistake, you've been wronged or whatever. (And personally, you still would have been wrong even if no one had heard you...)

Don't get defensive and react harshly. This should make you want to work that much harder to improve your image. Apologize for the incident publicly and try to put it behind you. Be proactive. Think ahead. How can this be avoided in the future? (Here's a hint: Maybe not ever use that word in the first place.)

By the way, a good place to start may be on the opinion page of a school paper I know...

*Lillian L. Willis is a reporter for The Parthenon and is the Public Relations Vice President for Alpha Xi Delta sorority. Comments may be sent to her at 311 Smith Hall.*

## HIS VIEW



**BUTCH  
BARKER**  
managing editor

## When a childhood monster resurfaces

I remember a dream I used to have when I was young.

It was a dream that kept coming back night after night. It haunted me. The dream included me leaving my second-floor bedroom, walking to the stairs and being frightened by a giant monster. He had a devil-like head with tentacles and sharp teeth.

I remember the feeling I got when it appeared. I can almost feel myself twitching in my bed. It wasn't long until the monster I came to know as "Leerim." It's a weird name for a five-year-old, I know.

Anyway, he was soon gobbling me up like a fat woman eating cupcakes. I think I probably died, but I usually woke up before I had the chance to know.

Some years later I read a dream interpretation book and I am now convinced Leerim was a foreshadowing of a dastardly something that would surface during my college years and, yes, haunt me day after day.

Like my childhood, I practically beg for more torment from this monster. When I was five I would continue to sleep even though I knew the dream was going to pop into my mind. Now I continue to subject myself to this situation that sparks the same torment as Leerim.

I've never mentioned the nightmares to anybody, but just about everyone who knows me, knows about my current torment. The monster that is not grotesque in appearance. It doesn't have a foul smell, nor does it have me for late night snacks.

There's another difference, too. This monster actually does a good deed. It helps many people. How could something that has "its" heart in the right place be so evil toward me?

I don't know either.

Maybe one day soon I'll escape. I quit having the dreams about Leerim when I was 11, so maybe my current problem with be alleviated sometime, too.

Actually, I almost got rid of the monster, but for some reason I decided to have another serving. I will likely have to put up with my demons for another semester if I am chosen as The Parthenon spring editor.

Yes, the pages you hold in your hands are the same evil that has stole so much sleep from my nights. It's the same beast that has pulled my grade point average as low as the depths of Hell. It's the same gross being that has me eating like a starved dog.

You may ask yourself why I subject myself to such punishment.

There's a good reason.

I sacrifice a lot to bring readers an attractive, accurate and informative newspaper. I try my best to provide you with entertaining columns because I care. I have a love for writing, editing and providing you with information. I wouldn't have it any other way actually.

I must really have a high tolerance for pain.

Thank you Parthenon, may I have another?

## CAMPUS VIEW

### SGA president defends decision to stop elections

As the leader of the Student Government Association I was faced with the difficult decision. I realized the fall elections were flawed and I had to act in the best interest of the student body and the candidates running. Yes, this is an inconvenience for all parties involved, but our

commitment to students supersede the embarrassments of a failed election.

I will be meeting with the election commissioner to determine why the elections were doomed from the beginning.

I hope students will view such actions (the cancellation of voting) as in their best interest.

As always, student input is valuable to me and the other leaders of SGA. Please feel free to contact us at extension. 6435

to express your views on this issue.

Thank you for your understanding,

— **Brandi D. Jacobs,**  
student body president

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## OFF CAMPUS VIEW

### Clinton hurts herself by attacking Guiliani

by **MIKE WOOD**  
*The Daily Athenaeum*  
West Virginia University

(U-WIRE) MORGANTOWN, W.V. — It is becoming more and more clear to me why Hillary Rodham Clinton is firmly in support of gun control: She can't stop shooting herself in the foot.

The recently announced soon-to-be-announced candidate for senator of New York (we'll know for sure in January, but keep your fingers crossed — there's always that glimmer of hope she'll drop out) has hurt herself once again, this time by attacking Republican rival Rudolph Guiliani's policies on the homeless.

Guiliani, arguably one of the most influential mayors in the history of New York City, has held a firm but often criticized stance on the homeless during his term in office.

His policy is simple: If a person is homeless and refuses a work assignment, he or she is no longer allowed shelter, and people who refuse to participate and continue to meander on the streets are arrested. The New York City Police Department has

been hard at work enforcing this policy, and Clinton has been hard at work sharing her disapproval.

The Democratic contender is attacking Guiliani on the grounds that he is nothing more than a cold-hearted elitist.

"Criminalizing the homeless with mass arrests for those whose only offense is that they have no home is wrong," she said. "Locking people up for a day will not take a single homeless person off the street. It will not make a mentally ill person who should be in an institution any better."

I will agree with Clinton that Guiliani's policies may seem harsh, but the reality of the matter is that New York City, under Guiliani's leadership, has been turned around. What was once one of the most dangerous places to live has now become the safest metropolitan area in the United States.

Times Square, once a haven for criminals, drug lords and prostitutes, is a now an area where families can enjoy an evening. And Central Park is no longer a crime center too unsafe to enter.

Clinton can talk all she wants about how much of mean guy Guiliani is, but in the end, the

record stands for itself.

Clinton has never been one to take stands on the hard-hitting issues, especially after the fiasco that was health care reform in 1993. It's no wonder why now she seems so blatantly awkward on issues such as Middle East peace, taxes and crime.

Clinton is going to have a tough road ahead of her. It will be difficult for her to find flaws in Guiliani, a walking success story.

A poll released this week shows the two candidates in a statistical dead heat. And as an added blow to Clinton's campaign, the poll also showed women support the two candidates equally. Many assumed early on Clinton would find some of her strongest support among women, but not so.

Hillary Clinton still has some fight in her; but to be effective, she is going to have to come up with better reasons to support her. I can't speak for the citizens of New York, but I find it insulting that she believes people will vote for her simply because Guiliani may take a tough stance on issues.

Besides, it's not very nice of her to say these things, either. Now she should appreciate that.

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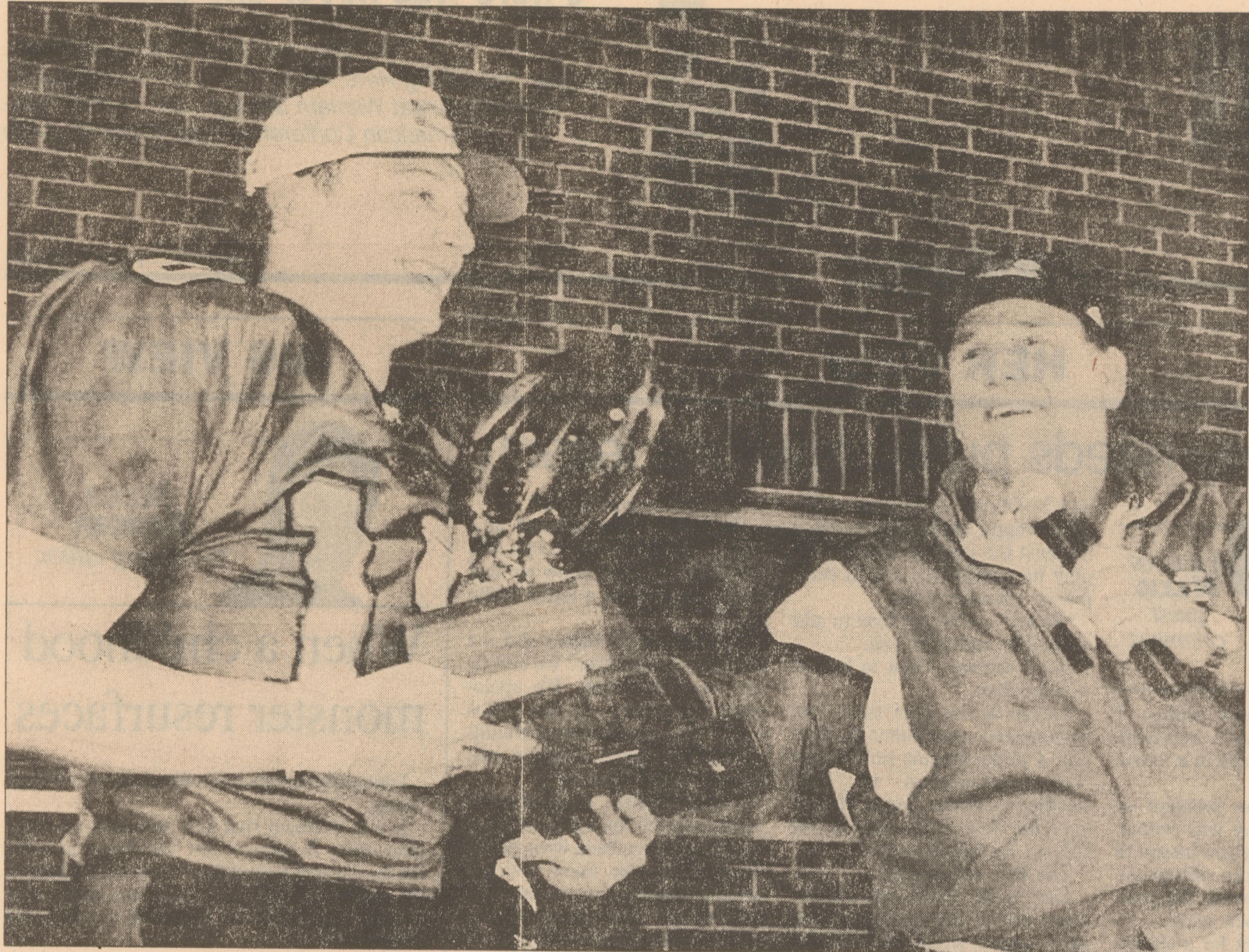
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Marshall quarterback Chad Pennington and coach Bob Pruett celebrate the Thundering Herd's 34-30 victory in the Mid-American Conference Championship game Friday. Pennington and Pruett were selected as the conference's top player and coach respectively.

# 'Fairy tale' comeback

## Last second catch caps turnaround in 34-30 championship game win

by CHARLES SHUMAKER  
sports editor

Sitting in the locker room at halftime, senior defensive tackle Giradie Mercer told the Marshall defense it had to do one thing to erase the Thundering Herd's 20-point deficit.

"Let's get the ball back to Chad (Pennington). We've got to get the ball back to Chad. When are we going to get the ball back to Chad?" he said.

In the second half, that's exactly what the defense did—it got the ball back to Chad.

And the senior quarterback, with Thundering Herd in tow, took on the Western Michigan defense in the second half Friday and led Marshall to 34 second half points en route to the Thundering Herd's 34-30 victory for its third consecutive Mid-American Championship the win gives Marshall a berth in the Motor City Bowl Dec. 27 to face the

Brigham Young Cougars. Marshall head coach Bob Pruett said at halftime he looked at the seniors and told them they didn't look like they could win the game.

Apparently, that is all that had to be said.

"We were just out of sync in the first half. I told the players and the coaches at the half we were going to go out in the second half and go to the two-minute offense and change the pace of the game," Pruett said. "We had to get the players and the fans back into the game."

When the Marshall offense sped up the pace of the game it responded with three touchdowns in nine offensive plays.

Marshall then responded with its fourth touchdown of the game with 12:36 left in the fourth quarter before allowing the Broncos to drive 75 yards en route to a 4-yard touchdown pass by Western Michigan quarterback Tim Lester to tight end Jake

Moreland with 7:20 left in the game.

With four seconds remaining in the game, after a 10-play drive to the 1-yard line which included a failed quarterback sneak by Pennington from the 1-yard line, Marshall lined up for its final play.

Senior reserve tight end/fullback Eric Pinkerton, who has been moved from defense to offense in his four years with the Thundering Herd lined up in the backfield behind Pennington before catching the third down pass. The senior from Sissonville, who is the Thundering Herd baseball team's first baseman pulled in his third career catch and first career touchdown.

Western Michigan head coach Gary Darnell said the game came down to who was going to answer last.

"We've done this (type play) a jillion times since I've been here," Darnell said. "You have to play to stop one or the other."

The 1-yard touchdown was reminiscent to the storybook finish in Marshall's 1992 I-AA National Championship win on a last-second field goal by Willy Merrick.

"We had three options on the play," Pennington said. "Pink just got open. It was really a fairy tale and couldn't have happened to a better guy."

Following the touchdown, Western Michigan had one last chance to regain the lead but Lester's pass was picked off by Marshall senior linebacker John Grace.

The play may have won the game for Marshall, but the second half performance by the Thundering Herd may have been a shocking turnaround for the 28,069 fans. But it was expected by the players on both sidelines.

"It was absolutely not a surprise they came back the way they did," Darnell said. "Marshall players did a great job knowing they had to answer back and they did."

Darnell's team had shut down the Thundering Herd offense until Pennington's

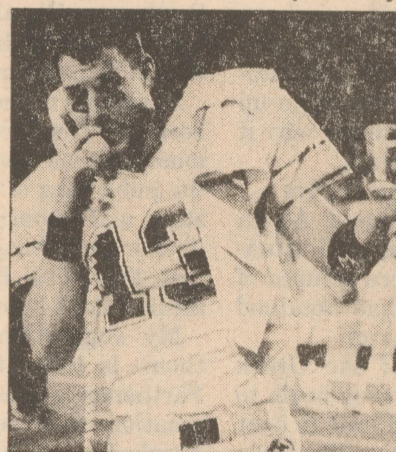


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ABOVE: Marshall senior quarterback Chad Pennington led the Thundering Herd to 34 second-half points en route to its third consecutive Mid-American Conference Championship. ABOVE LEFT: Western Michigan quarterback Tim Lester talks to his coaches after one of his first half touchdown passes.

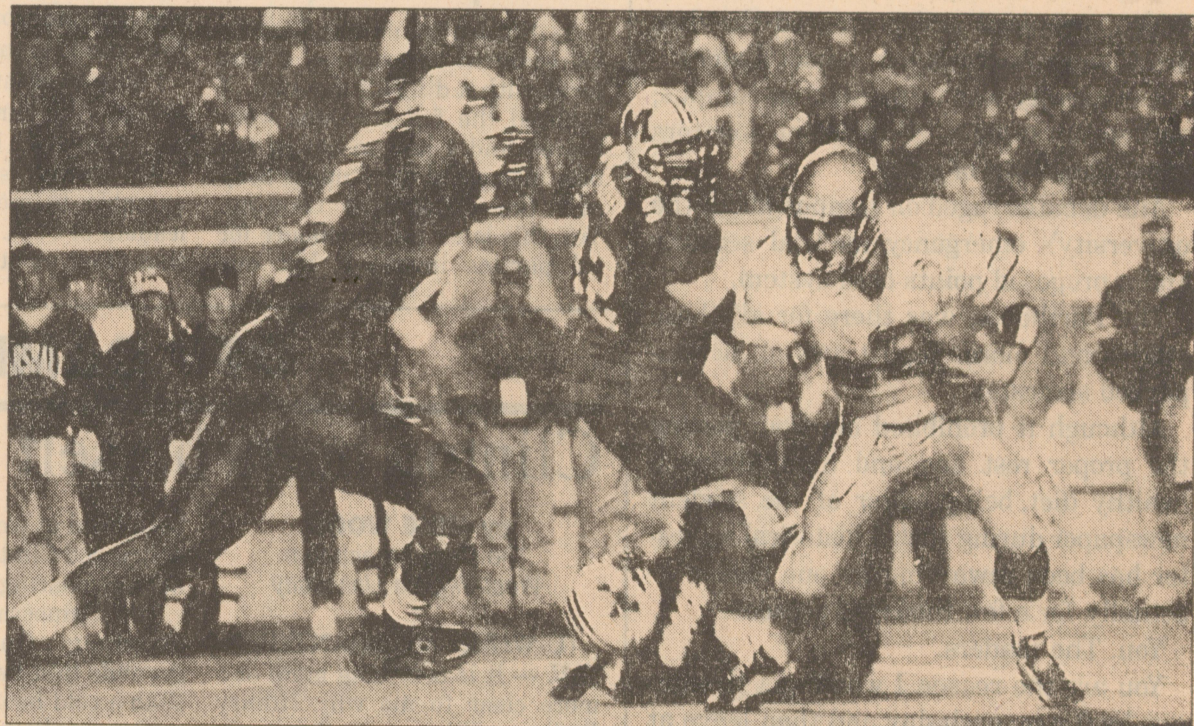


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Broncos quarterback Tim Lester evades the Marshall rush during Friday's Mid-American Conference Championship game. Lester threw for 282 yards and two touchdowns in the game.

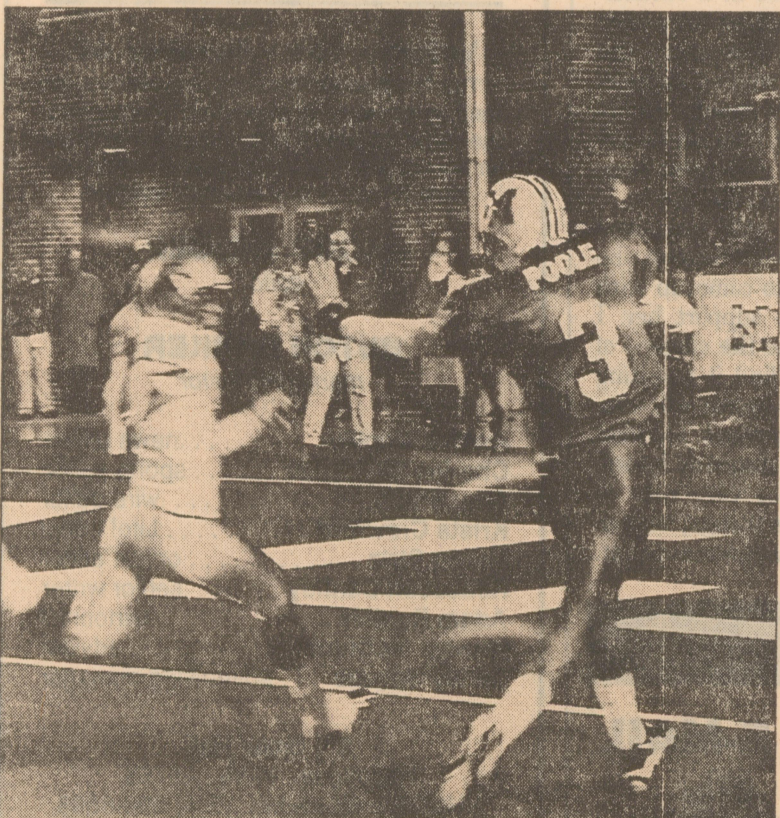


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Marshall wide receiver Nate Poole stiff arms a Western Michigan defensive back on his way to the Thundering Herd's first touchdown of the game. Poole finished the game with five receptions and 86 receiving yards.

Western Michigan	10	10	3	7	30
Marshall	0	0	20	14	34

WMU—Alston 16 pass from Lester (B Selent kick)  
WMU—FG B Selent 31  
WMU—Sanford 1 run (B Selent kick)  
WMU—FG B Selent 32  
WMU—FG B Selent 36  
MU—Poole 38 pass from Pennington (Malashevich kick)  
MU—Chapman 24 run (conversion failed)  
MU—Williams 16 pass from Pennington (Jenkins kick)  
MU—Chapman 2 run (Jenkins kick)  
WMU—Moreland 4 pass from Lester (B Selent kick)  
MU—Pinkerton 1 pass from Pennington (Jenkins kick)

	WMU	MU
First downs	30	19
Rushed yards	45-171	26-114
Passing yards	282	284
Sacked yards lost	3-14	2-8
Return yards	35	38
Passes	27-41-2	20-31-1
Punts	4-37.3	3-47.7
Fumbles-lost	4-0	2-1
Penalties-yards	14-109	9-95
Time of possession	37:11	22:49

Individual Statistics  
RUSHING: Western Mich-Sanford 32-163, Lester 7-11, Woods 5-2, Alston 1-minus 5, Marshall-Chapman 17-75, Pennington 7-31, Turner 2-8.  
PASSING: Western Mich-Lester 27-41-2-282, Marshall-Pennington 20-31-1-284.  
RECEIVING: Western Mich-Neal 8-105, Moreland 7-56, Zuhl 3-53, Afariogun 3-4, Alston 2-27, Bush 1-14, Mosley 1-13, Wolverton 1-10, Sanford 1-0, Marshall-Williams 7-94, Poole 5-86, Chapman 3-39, Cooper 1-39, Kellett 1-20, Turner 1-9, Pinkerton 1-1, Foye 1-minus 4.

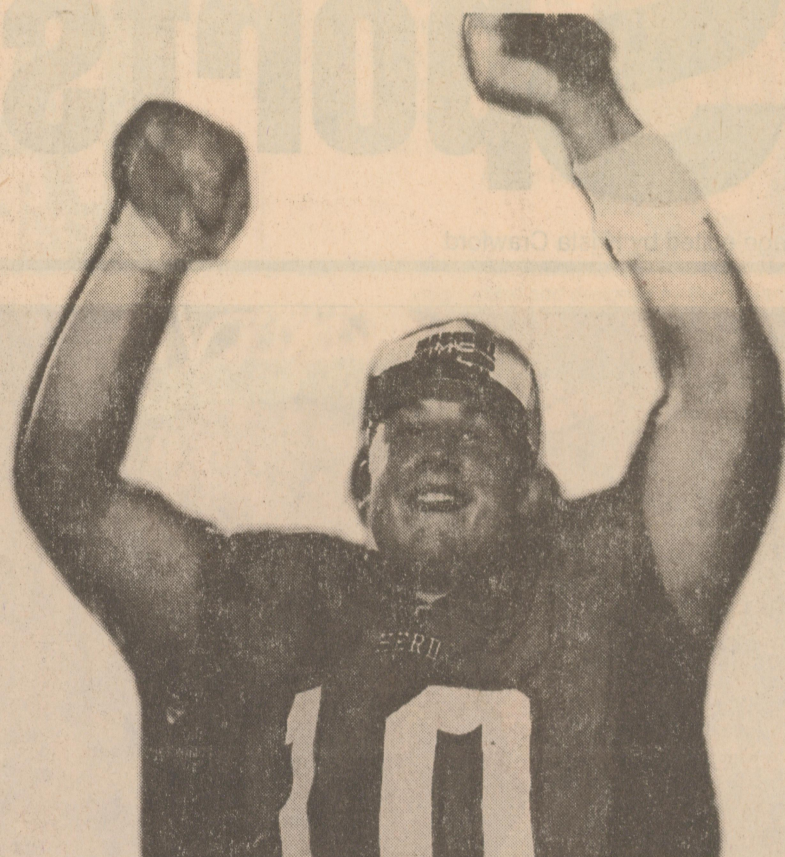
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**MARSHALL 34**



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Marshall students carry the south goal post toward Fourth Avenue from Marshall Stadium following the Thundering Herd's 34-30 last victory over the Western Michigan Broncos in the Mid-American Conference Championship Game Friday.

## Editor ready to attend first game as biased Marshall fan



**JACOB  
MESSER**  
editor

I came to Marshall University in the fall of 1995.

And so did most of the members of the Thundering Herd's senior class.

We have been here together for nearly five years now.

For more than three of those, I have been the chief football

writer for The Parthenon. From losses to West Virginia and Bowling Green to wins over Louisville and Clemson, I have been there to document the endeavors of the Thundering Herd football players on and off the football field.

With a sports beat — as with any other beat — journalists must be objective. Whether their teams emerge with a win or a loss, they still must write stories.

Their personal opinions and emotions cannot influence their writing.

Controlling what you write is easy. Controlling who you

become friends with is not.

And therein lies my problem. Through formal interviews and informal experiences, I have developed a special camaraderie with the seniors.

Objective or not, it is difficult not to like players who are as polite and articulate as Andre O'Neal and Chad Pennington or as interesting and entertaining as John Grace and Girardie Mercer.

How can you not root for young men whom you have watched develop from high school players to college performers, as I have with West Virginia natives Mike Guillems, Jason Starkey, Eric Pinkerton, Shaun Saunders and Billy Malashevich?

Year after year, story after story, interview after interview, my kinship with those seniors grew stronger and stronger.

That is why I could not help but scream in excitement when Pennington completed his game-winning, 1-yard touchdown pass to Eric Pinkerton for the go-ahead score in the final seconds of the Mid-American Conference Championship Game.

That is also why I could not hold back a few tears when Grace intercepted Western Michigan quarterback Tim Lester's desperation pass and fell to the turf to end the game and seal one of the most amazing victories in school history.

Now, after posting an incredible 61-7 mark in the past five years, one game and one opponent remain — the Motor City Bowl and the Brigham Young Cougars.

And I will be there, although in a different capacity.

The Parthenon does not publish during Christmas Break, allowing me to attend the game as a fan.

Which is perfect. Because I can leave my objectivity behind. That means I can cheer, cry, scream or laugh as much as I want as the most productive and most successful class in school history ends its career.

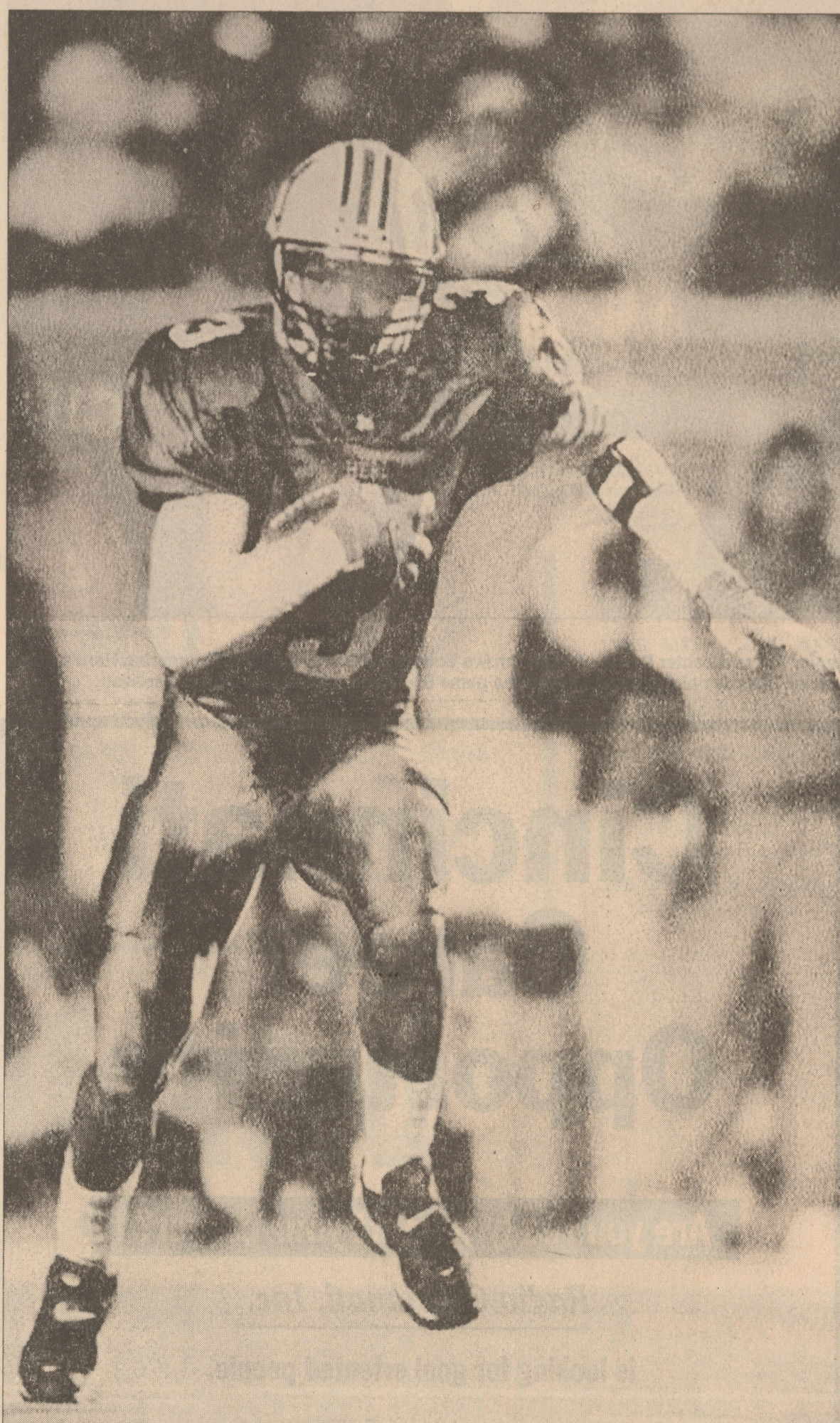


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Junior wide receiver Nate Poole runs downfield after catching one of his five passes Friday night. Poole caught the first touchdown pass of the game for Marshall with 5:56 left in the third quarter.



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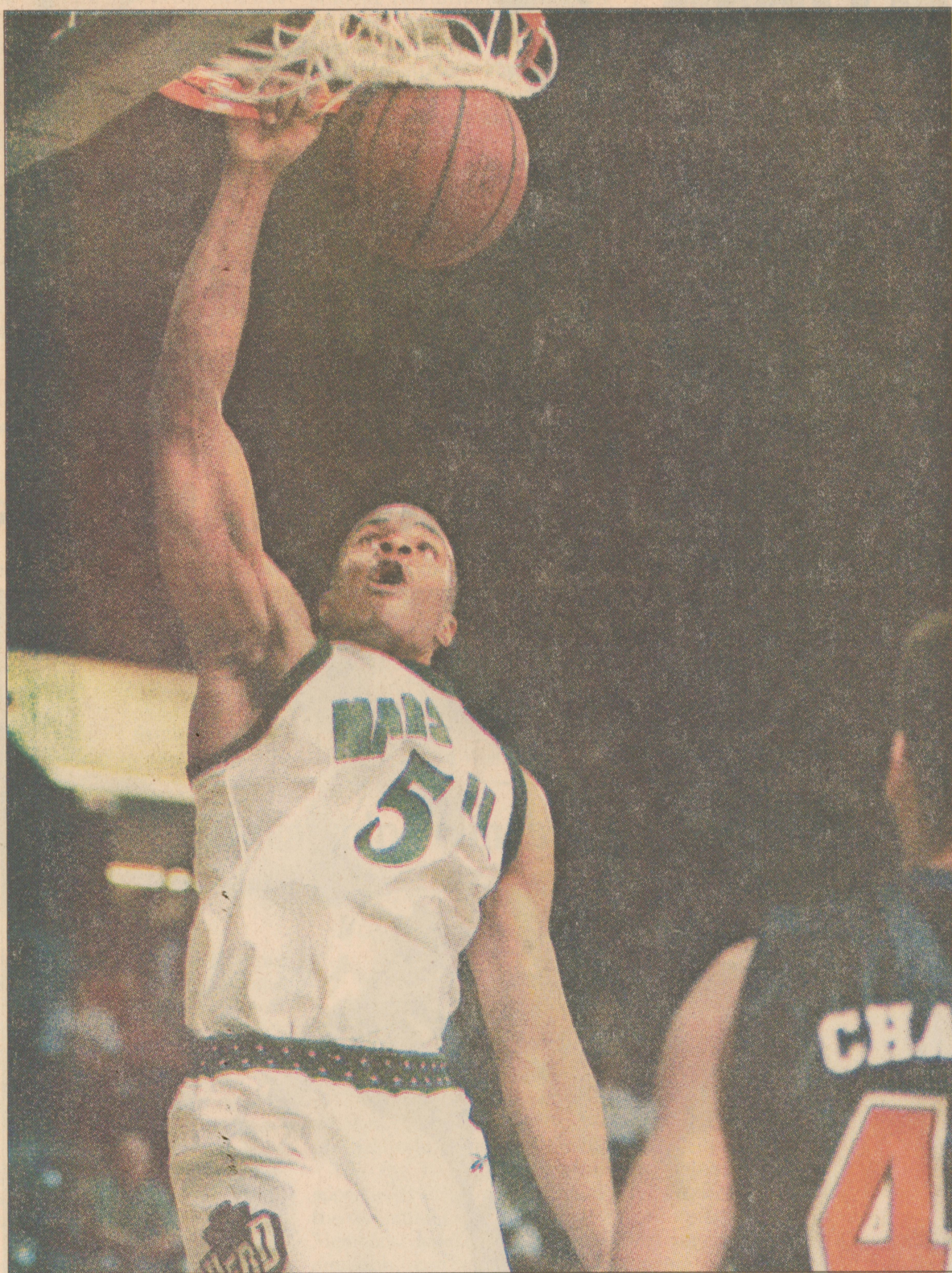
Western Michigan quarterback Tim Lester tries to avoid the pass rush of Marshall defensive end Ron Puggi Friday. Puggi finished the game with four tackles.



photo by Jacob Messer

Marshall fans cheer on the No. 11 Thundering Herd during Friday's Mid-American Championship game. Marshall now plays Brigham Young in the Motor City Bowl in Pontiac, Mich., Dec. 27.





Senior forward/center Derrick Wright throws down a dunk in during the Thundering Herd's home opener Saturday night. Marshall won the game 90-77 and moved to 4-0 on the season.

photo by Brett Hall

## Unbeaten! Herd stays perfect with win over Radford



**HUNTINGTON (AP)** — Marshall coach Greg White wasn't impressed by the way the Thundering Herd remained unbeaten.

Travis Young scored 19 points and J.R. VanHoose added 18 to lead Marshall to a 90-77 victory over Radford on Saturday night.

Marshall (4-0) is off to its best start since it won the first five games of the 1996-97 season.

"Nobody thought that we would be 4-0," White said. "We might have won that UMass game by a few, but this game was plenty tougher. Our passing wasn't crisp at all tonight. It was like we were climbing a mountain."

The Thundering Herd, which led by six at halftime, got two layups from VanHoose during a 7-1 run for a 57-45 lead with 12:51 left.

Radford could get no closer than 75-68 with 5:11 left on a Ryan Charles layup. Marshall scored the next six points, the last two on a dunk by Derrick Wright with 3:52 left, to push the lead back to 12.

Cornelius Jackson and Tamar Slay had 17 and 12 points,

respectively, for Marshall. VanHoose and Wright each had 11 rebounds.

Backup Joda Burgess continued his consistent play with 10 of Marshall's 15 points off the bench.

"Everybody that came off the bench gave us plenty of minutes and that helped us out a lot," White said. "I issued a challenge to our bench guys to hold the fort. I told them they didn't have to gain anything,

but at the same time, not give up anything either."

Marshall took Radford out of its rhythm with 11 steals, four each by Jackson and Young.

Charles led Radford (1-3) with 24 points.

Marshall outscored Radford 24-11 at the free-throw line.

"The main thing they had was physical size around the perimeter and that was more than we could handle," said Radford coach Ron Bradley.

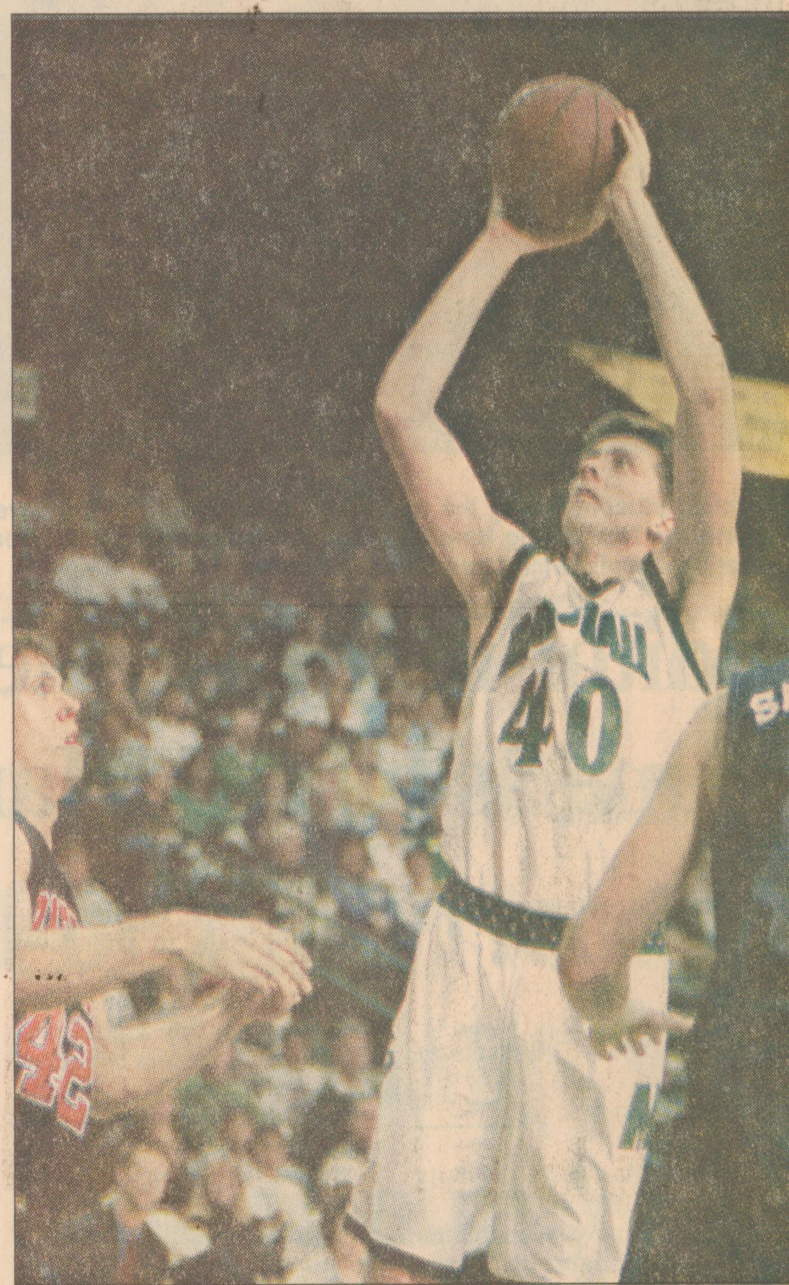


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Sophomore center J.R. VanHoose shoots over the Radford defense Saturday night during the Thundering Herd's 90-77 victory. VanHoose scored 18 points during Marshall's home opener.

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## Women's team splits pair at Davidson tournament

**by CHARLES SHUMAKER**  
sports editor

The Marshall women's basketball team traveled to Davidson this weekend with hopes of coming home with a winning record going into its first home game of the season.

After defeating Boston University 59-52 Friday night, the Thundering Herd faced Stoney Brook Sunday in the finals of the Davidson Roundball Invitational.

In the first game against Boston, junior guard Toni Patillo led the Thundering Herd with 19 points.

Marshall took the lead with 18:26 remaining in the first half on a pair of free throws by junior Yashico Stevens.

Stevens was the only other Thundering Herd player to score in double figures as she finished the game with 11 points. Off the bench, sophomore Karrie Cook scored nine points and had five assists for Marshall.

The Thundering Herd then held the lead throughout the first half, leading 31-25 at half time.

Behind Patillo's 5-of-9 shooting from beyond the 3-point line, Marshall led by as many as eight in the second half, but the Terriers fought back to take a one-point lead with 6:56 left in the game.

The 2-3 Thundering Herd then went on a 12-4 run to end the game.

Patillo kept her hot hand Sunday against Stoney Brook, scoring 25 points, including 14 in the second half, and grabbing six rebounds to help rally the Thundering Herd from as many as 20 points down before falling to the Seawolves 70-66.

Behind a stingy Thundering Herd defense in the second half, Marshall shut down Stoney Brook's Julie Szabo, who scored 28 points on the night.

In the first half the Thundering allowed Szabo to score 17 points in the first 20 minutes of the game before

shutting her down for only 2-of-8 shooting from the floor in the second half.

The Thundering Herd defense also held the Seawolves to 30 percent shooting in the second half compared to its 53 percent from the field.

After closing the lead to 59-57 with four minutes remaining in the game, Szabo hit a 3-pointer to put the Seawolves ahead for good.

Freshman center Amy Reed was the second leading scorer for the Thundering Herd in the loss with 13 points. Stevens also scored in double figures with 10 points.

Patillo averaged 22 points for the tournament and was selected to the all-tournament team.

The Thundering Herd is preparing for its home opener Dec. 17 against West Virginia Tech at Cam Henderson Center.

Marshall has a 6-0 all-time record against West Virginia Tech and has not faced the Golden Bears since the 1991-92 season, when the Thundering Herd won 79-61.



PATILLO